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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF GROVE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH | JUNE 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sundays 5:00 p.m.
Mon., Wed., Thurs.

Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays 6:30 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

June 5 Noon

June 6 5:30 p.m.

June 16

June 29 9:00 a.m.

Family Night
Devotional on Facebook Live

Bible Study (Malachi)
Facebook Prayer Meeting
Zoom Prayer Meeting
Choir Rehearsal (unless otherwise noted)

Romeo's at Southbound Sandwich

Grove Park Elementary Graduation

Baptist Men's Day

Red Cross Blood Drive



Last June, I spent a lot of time saying goodbye. I recognize that sounds like a weird statement, but let me explain. My dear, dear friend Allen Williams always recommended to me shows that he thought I needed to watch and books I needed to read. Our tastes were very similar and so it was very rare for Allen to recommend a dud. One show that he recommended to me was "Inspector Morse." Now, if you have spent any time watching Masterpiece on PBS you have probably seen some episodes of "Inspector Morse." It is to me one of the best written programs I have ever watched. The series concluded in 2000 after 13 years and was followed by a show focused on Morse's partner, Lewis, for 9 years between 2006 and 2015. A prequel to "Inspector Morse" named "Endeavor" came next and aired between 2012-2023. Eliza and I watched every show in the trilogy and loved each one.

We knew as we tuned in last Spring that it was the last season of "Endeavor" and that it had been stipulated that once Endeavor concluded there would be no further episodes in the Inspector Morse line. And so, when we sat down to watch the last episode the burning question in our living room was not how would the show end, but whether I would maintain my composure. I had become a blubbering mess when Inspector Morse died in the original series and because my friend Allen had died a couple of years ago, the prospect of repeating that response was great.

The last episode, which I have now gone back and watched the concluding scene several times, is by far the best episode of television I have ever watched. Everything was perfect, from all the story lines that were tied off, to the music (Faure's "Requiem"), to a recitation from "The Tempest." And in the last moments as Endeavor meets Inspector Morse in passing on the bridge was where I lost all semblance of composure and cried and cried and cried.

Why am I telling you all of this? Well, the farther I have gotten from the episode, the more it has occurred to me that we are always writing farewells in our life. The question is whether our farewells are beautifully written such that they bring closure to all of the enduring questions we have left outstanding. Our ability to achieve this is a must if we are to follow in the steps of Jesus, who we see in his concluding words to the disciples gave them a path forward for life without him. Secondly, beautiful farewells enable those who remain to likewise say goodbye to us. My friend Allen, unbeknownst to me, wrote me a beautiful farewell through the last series of shows and books he recommended to me and in his last ever recommendation, "Endeavor," I found the strength to say farewell to my buddy who I continue to think I need to call and update him on something daily. Finally, each of these three series knew when it was time to bring the respective show to a conclusion. They did not drag things out past its prime as so many shows do. We would do well to heed the words of Scripture and be cognizant of the times, particularly when those times call for us to allow some things to say farewell so that they have the beautiful ending they deserve. If you are like me, that's difficult to achieve, so let me remind us that Jesus promises the Holy Spirit to comfort, sustain, and guide us in just those times.

Grace Abounds,
Marc

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

(Zephaniah 3:17)

This verse showed up in my morning devotion a couple of weeks ago, and it absolutely stopped me in my tracks. Let's look at some insights here that may help you through your day:

The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save - this is probably the most "normal" thought in the verse. *God is in your midst*; He is here among us, in us, and with us. But let that thought sink in. No matter how alone you might feel, either physically alone or alone in dealing with a problem - you are not alone. God is in our midst, and he is *a mighty one who will save* - not "might save," not "could save if He decided to," but "will save." That's good news!

He will rejoice over you with gladness - we often think about how we rejoice over God, but when was the last time you thought about God rejoicing over you? Wow! For people who always feels like they don't measure up or that they always fall short of what God wants, it's an absolutely radical thought that God rejoices over you!

He will quiet you by his love - this is one that totally speaks to me. My mind is usually going 1000 miles a minute, and that can be exhausting. I've been reminding myself to allow God to quiet me by His love. We don't always have to be thinking of the next thing or stressing over what we think might happen. We can take a breath and allow God to quiet us by His love.

He will exult over you with loud singing - we rejoice over God, even with (sometimes) loud singing. And we should. But, wrap your mind around the thought that when God thinks about you, he rejoices with loud singing! He loves you so much that thoughts of you cause Him to break out in song.

Friends, let this verse sink in. Memorize it, post it on your refrigerator or your bathroom mirror. As my Greek professor used to say, "Write it on the fleshly tablets of your mind." (Thanks, Dr. Earp!) I'm convinced it can make a difference in your life.

Dale



Congratulations Class of 2024

Coley Kilpatrick, Grandson of Sue Atkinson and son of Alisa and Tim Kilpatrick, graduated from North Carolina A & T.

Ella McGilvray, Granddaughter of James Rudd, is graduating from Eastern Alamance High School and will be attending UNCG this fall.



Grove Park will host the Grove Park Elementary School 5th Grade Graduation on June 06, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. After the graduation ceremony, we will provide a reception for the graduates and their guests. If you are willing to help with the reception, please contact the church office by e-mail (office@groveparkchurch.com) or call (336-227-2910) to sign up.

June 16, 2024

Baptist Men's Day

Speaker, Jason Bogart

Ministers On Call for the Month of June

May 30 thru June 2

June 6 thru June 9

June 13 thru June 16

June 20 thru June 23

June 27 thru June 30

Deacon Matthew Byrd

Deacon Jason Bogart

Deacon Mirian Brewer

Deacon Beth Canada

Deacon Derek Denard

(Our Known)

June Birthday

Nathan Byrd	June 02
Stanley Haithcock	June 03
Mark Reich	June 06
Candy Reavis	June 09
Jordan Bogart	June 11
Cynthia Willets	June 12
Hallie Davis	June 13
Patricia Witt	June 19
Steve Reavis	June 21
Benjamin Overby	June 24
Kaden Reavis	June 26
Hunter Joplin	June 27
Jeanie Reich	June 27
Doris White	June 27
W. N. Hamlett	June 28
Eliza Sanders	June 29

HAPPY
Birthday

Red Cross Blood
Drive
Saturday, June 29
9:00am until
1:30pm

Details Coming Soon



Hope For Appalachia

Soap and Body
Wash
are needed this
month.

June Food Pantry Needs

Cereal
Saltine Crackers
Peanut Butter & Grape Jelly